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TRANSMITTED BELOW IS A DIPLOMATIC NOTE WHICH USUN RECEIVED
JANUARY 18 ANNOUNCING PAKISTANI CANDIDACY OF DR. MAHBUB-UL-
HAQ FOR POSITION OF DIRECTOR GENERAL. HAQ IS WELL RESPECTED
HERE AS AN ARTICULATE BUT REASONABLE ADVOCATE OF THE NEW
INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER.

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THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF PAKISTAN TO THE
UNITED NATIONS PRESENTS HIS COMPLIMENTS TO THE PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVES OF MEMBER STATES OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND
HAS THE HONOUR TO STATE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN HAS
DECIDED TO PUT FORWARD THE CANDIDATURE OF DR. MAHBUB-UL-HAQ
FOR THE POST OF THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL FOR ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION
AND DEVELOPMENT ESTABLISHED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF RESOLUTION
A/RES/32/197 OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. DR. MAHBUB-UL-HAQ
IS AN EMINENT ECONOMIST AND WAS FORMERLY CHIEF ECONOMIC
ADVISER IN THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN. HE IS AT
PRESENT DIRECTOR, POLICY PLANNING AND PROGRAMME REVIEW
DEPARTMENT IN THE WORLD BANK. HIS CURRICULUM VITAE IS
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ENCLOSED HERewith. THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN WOULD GREATLY
APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT OF MEMBER STATES FOR THE CANDIDATURE
OF DR. MAHBUB-UL-HAQ.

THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF PAKISTAN TO THE
UNITED NATIONS AVAILS HIMSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW
TO THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES OF MEMBER STATES OF THE
UNITED NATIONS THE ASSURANCES OF HIS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

CURRICULUM VITAE

NAME: DR. MAHBUB-UL-HAQ

NATIONALITY: PAKISTANI

DATE OF BIRTH: FEBRUARY 22, 1934

MARTIAL STATUS: MARRIED WITH 2 CHILDREN

DR. HAQ HAS OFTEN BEEN DESCRIBED IN THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS AS THE "LEADING THINKER" AND THE MOST ARTICULATE AND PERSUASIVE SPOKESMAN FOR THE THIRD WORLD. THERE IS AN IMPRESSIVE CAREER AND CREDENTIALS BEHIND THESE DESCRIPTIONS, DR. HAQ IS TRAINED AS A PROFESSIONAL ECONOMIST, HE HAD A BRILLIAN ACADEMIC CAREER AT PUNJAB UNIVERSITY (PAKISTAN), CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY (ENGLAND), YALE AND HARVARD UNIVERSITIES (USA), WINNING NUMEROUS HONOURS AND SETTING UP SEVERAL ACADEMIC RECORDS. HE SPECIALISED IN THE FIELD OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE. AFTER HIS ACADEMIC CAREER, DR. HAQ JOINED THE PAKISTAN GOVERNMENT, WHERE HE SOON STARTED DIRECTING THE PREPARATION OF ITS 5-YEAR PROGRAMME PLANS. AT A YOUNG AGE, HE BECAME THE CHIEF ECONOMIC ADVISER IN THE NATIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AND PIONEERED MANY OF THE ECONOMIC POLICIES IN PAKISTAN THROUGH ITS MOST RAPID AND SUCCESSFUL PERIOD OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DURING THE 1960S. SINCE 1970, DR. HAQ HAS BEEN AT THE WORLD BANK IN WASHINGTON D.C., WHERE HE IS IN CHARGE OF ITS POLICY THINKING AS DIRECTOR OF THE POLICY PLANNING DEPARTMENT. DESPITE HIS INSTITUTIONAL TIES, DR. HAQ HAS NOT HESITATED TO SPEAK UNCLASSIFIED

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OUT BOLDLY AND FORTHRIGHTLY ON THE NEED FOR A FUNDAMENTAL RESTRUCTURING OF THE FUNDING THE THIRD WORLD FORUM IN 1973. HE SUCCEEDED PROFESSOR TINBERGEN, AS CHAIRMAN OF THE RIO FOUNDATION, WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR FOLLOW-UP WORK ON THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ORDER IN THE WAKE OF THE RIO REPORT. HE, ALONG WITH MAURICE STRONG, IS CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR DEVELOPMENT ALTERNATIVES (IFDA), WHICH IS COORDINATING THE NON-GOVERNMENTAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE UN STRATEGY FOR THE NEXT DEVELOPMENT DECADE. HE IS ALSO THE PROGRAMME CHAIRMAN OF THE SOCIETY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (FID) AND CHAIRMAN OF THE "THIRD WORLD FOUNDATION FOR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC STUDIES." ALL OF THIS ADDS UP TO A FAIRLY BUSY AND QUITE REMARKABLE CAREER FOR ONE OF THE FOREMOST SPOKESMEN OF THE THIRD WORLD ON ISSUES OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. UNQUOTE YOUNG

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